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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The amendments have been made in an effort to place the claims in condition for allowance, or in better form for appeal. Submitted herewith is a petition for an extension of time for 3 months, a mark-up copy of the amended claims, and an Examiner's courtesy copy of the pending claims as amended.

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3. (Amended) A method of inducing cellular extensions, which method comprises contacting cells with a human Neural Plakophilin Related Armadillo Protein (hNPRAP) in an amount effective to cause cellular extensions, wherein the hNPRAP comprises an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:4.

4. (Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein the contacting results in neuronal regeneration.

14. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the cells are nerve cells.

15. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the cellular extensions terminate upon distantly located cells.

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